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SUBJECT: BRAZIL SUPPORTIVE OF ATCM MEASURE ESTABLISHING THE
ANTARCTIC TREATY SECRETARIAT - NEEDS CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL

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12. (SBU) Environment, Science and Technology Counselor met on
August 14 with the Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (MRE)
Director of the Department for the Environment and Special Themes,
Min. Luis Alberto Figueiredo Machado, and per reftel urged Brazil to
approve Measure 1 (2003) of the Antarctic Treaty System. Figueiredo
Machado responded that the Brazilian government was supportive of
the Measure. Since the Measure had financial implications for the
government, he explained, it would need congressional approval. He
could not give an estimate of when he expected to obtain that
approval. He did understand the significance of obtaining the
approval of the four outstanding members before the April 2009
meeting in Baltimore.

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